Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Allen LeRoy Fossum and Erma Grace Tammen exchanged their wedding vows on July 12, 1949, with the Rev. Loats officiating and George Mechels and Clarice Fossum Haan witnessing their promise to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Allen and Erma's union in marriage gave life and love to seven children, Lynda, Gary, Dennis, Douglas, Debra, Carol, and Alan, and their lives were further blessed with 21 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Allen provided for his family as a life-long farmer and crop insurance adjuster, and Erma diligently cared for their home and children, as well as working outside the home as a cook and head of the laundry department at the Canton-Inwood Hospital; and,

Whereas, The couple have shared their time and talents throughout the community, Allen as a scout and 4-H leader and various church leadership roles, and Erma as a 4-H and CFEL leader and church women's group and Lincoln County Open Class Program activities; and,

Whereas, Allen and Erma enjoy spending time with their family and friends, and through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, Allen and Erma will celebrate their 60th Anniversary with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants as their family gathers at their farm on July 12, 2009, and it is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 12, 2009, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State